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SUBJECT: DOWNGRADING OF DATT RANK

REFERENCE: MEXICO 4468

1. DEPT OFFICIALLY NOTIFIED BY ASST SECDEF ELLSWORTH THAT DOD IS DOWNGRADING DATT BILLET MEXICO FROM BRIG GEN TO COLONEL EFFECTIVE 30 JUNE 1975. CAVAZOS WILL HOWEVER STAY AT POST UNTIL HIS TOUR HAS BEEN COMPLETED. ELLSWORTH ADVISED ACTION WAS TAKEN IN RESPONSE TO CONGRESSIONAL AND BUDGETARY PRESSURES TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF GENERAL/FLAG OFFICER BILLETS.

2. IN ADDITION TO THE DATT MEXICO BILLET, THE TOP MAAG POSITIONS IN ARGENTINA AND BRAZIL ARE ALSO BEING DOWNGRADED TO COLONEL. THE ONLY GENERAL OFFICER BILLET REMAINING IN LATIN AMERICA, AFTER DEPARTURE OF PRESENT INCUMBENTS, WILL BE HEAD OF JOINT BRAZIL-US MILITARY COMMISSION. FYI WHILE INCUMBENT DATT TO BRAZIL IS BRIG. GENERAL, OFFICER IN QUESTION WAS PROMOTED TO RANK WHILE AT STATION. HIS REPLACEMENT WILL BE A COLONEL.

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3. IN LIGHT OF ABOVE, DEPT RELUCTANTLY AGREED TO ACCEPT
DOD ACTION.

4. RE PARA 2 REFTTEL, PERMISSION GRANTED. INGERSOLL

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